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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No.: 01142.0122

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

PAUSCH, Mark H. *et al.*)

Application No.: 08/816,011)

Filed: March 11, 1997)

For: POTASSIUM CHANNELS, NUCLEOTIDE)
SEQUENCES ENCODING THEM, AND)
METHODS OF USING SAME)

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**AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the Final Office action mailed October 1, 2002 (Paper No. 37), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this Request for Reconsideration. Applicants request entry of this Amendment because it places this application in condition for allowance, or reduces the number of issues for appeal. In view of the concurrently filed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee, this response is due by April 1, 2003, and is timely filed.

Please amend the claims as shown on the following pages.